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Note: The Yellowstone River bridge moved vehicle traffic from the railroad bridge (now a historic walking bridge). The 1955 bridge was replaced in the late 1990s with the current one spanning the Yellowstone River.

East-West Spans of Yellowstone River Bridge Connected Friday

At about noon last Friday the connecting beams of steel were lowered into place to join the two major sections of the new Yellowstone river highway bridge of Fairview and on Dakota highway no. 23.

Since then the truss work has been completed and steel workers move back and forth on the cat-walk, a permanent construction on the lower part of each span.

All steel beams and truss members have been put into place with the use of cranes. Shown here is a crane operating from a steel barge in mid-river. The total length of the bridge exceeds 1900 feet.

The concrete and steel reinforced deck is progressing from both ends of the structure. Readi-Mix concrete is being used and is derricked to forms on top of the bridge by the use of

cranes. It will probably be in late October before the cement work is completed

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New Sundheim Community Park Board Elected at Public Meeting Saturday

"Sundheim Community Park" was selected as the appropriate name for the 10 acres of partially timbered land near the Yellowstone river bridge which was given to McKenzie county by Ole Sudheim. The name was chosen last Saturday night at a community-wide park meeting held at the Civic Center in Fairview.

While the park meeting was not as largely attended as desired those present were enthusiastic about developing the new public picnic grounds and outdoor recreational center.

The meeting was called by County Commissioner Avre Briar, as the result of interest from the Yellowstone Wildlife Club and numerous individuals of the locality. The park land was given to McKenzie county about two months ago and since then has been supervised by a temporary

committee consisting of Mr. Briar, Ted Sandy and Axel Danielson.

Mr. Briar acted as chairman of the Saturday night meeting. Those attending, first discussed a park name and finally centered upon Sundheim Community Park as the most appropriate one in honor of Mr. Sundheim who donated the acreage.

The proper kind of governing organization was discussed at length and on motion by Morton Sponheim and Ted Sandy the group voted to elect a five man governing board which, in turn, would select a chairman and secretary. It was decided to name two directors from Sioux, two from Yellowstone townships and one from Fairview.

The group elected Morton Sponheim and Louis Stepan Sr. for 3-year terms, Melvin Sandy and Henry Bauman for 2-year terms and John Miller for the one year term.


Some discussion took place on park requirements, finance, and the eventual need of a care-taker. The present land leveling program by McKenzie county was reviewed and it is hoped that the area may be seeded to grass this fall. Mr. Briar stated that Mr. Freeman, Dakota highway

division engineer, would arrange an approach road to the park from highway no. 23.

Morton Sponheim was named temporary chairman of the Park Board and he has since called a meeting of that newly elected group and the original 3-man board, to be held in the Lions hall Thursday, October 6 at 8 p. m.

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